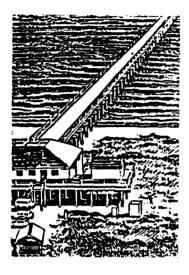
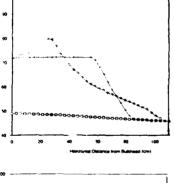
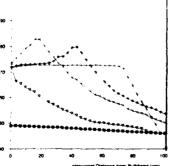
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PART I: INTRODUCTION

# Background

- 1. Conventional revetments are designed to be statically stable; that is, no motion of the armor store is anticipated. Stones in the armor layer are sized and placed such that their weight and interlocking will preclude movement during wave attack. In contrast, a dynamic revetment is designed to allow wave action to rearrange the stones into an equilibrium profile. Because stones are allowed to move, a smaller stone size is used for the dynamic revetment than for the static revetment, but dynamic revetments require a larger quantity of stone to allow for the reshaping of the revetment into an equilibrium profile. The dynamic revetment is effective because the large mass of stone near the still-water level (SWL) disrupts the wave action and dissipates wave energy. Although dynamic revetments require a larger quantity of stone, these costs may be offset by the typically lower cost of smaller stone, and, because size is less critical, a more cost-effective use may be made of quarry output. In addition, smaller stone is less expensive to handle, and, since initial placement is not critical, dynamic revetments may be dumped in place rather than the stones being individually placed.
- 2. The concept of a rubble breakwater having a dynamic response to wave attack is not new. Per Bruun has commented frequently about the high stability of "S" shape profiles of some very old breakwaters in Plymouth, England, and Cherbourg, France (Bruun and Johannesson 1976), and the berm breakwater concept developed by William Baird (Baird and Hall 1984, Hall 1987) is an adaptation of this "S" profile. The idea of a dynamic revetment, however, seems to be of more recent origin. Van Hijum and Pilarczyk (1982) and Pilarczyk and den Boer (1983) present data and summarize some of the Dutch experience with gravel beaches and cobble-sized revetments, and research has been initiated in England on the response of shingle beaches to wave action (Channell, Stevenson, and Brown 1985; Powell 1988). Recent research in The Netherlands and England is motivated by a need for fundamental understanding of shingle beaches, how they might be nourished, and if shingle

beaches could be used in some situations instead of a traditional statically stable riprap revetment.

3. In the United States, Johnson (1987) found that gravel beaches and dumped rubble are frequently cost-effective alternatives to using sand for beach nourishment and placed stone for revetments, respectively. Johnson's findings were obtained from extensive experience on Lakes Michigan and Superior, where fluctuating water levels created enormous problems for conventional shoreline protection. This experience indicated dynamic revetments were not vulnerable to toe scour, overtopping, or flanking. Advantages cited by Johnson for coarse material on beaches include a long residence time and an ability to stay in the vicinity of the water line. Other advantages are similar to those noted by Baird and Hall (1984), i.e., ease of placement and lower unit cost.

# Problem

4. Comprehensive research efforts conducted recently in The Netherlands resulted in detailed and quantitative findings on dynamic stability (van der Meer 1988). Although the findings were based on extensive laboratory work and data analysis, the data are of limited applicability in the United States because van der Meer's tests were conducted in relatively deep water, whereas most US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) problems involving shoreline erosion and protection are in shallow water. There is no design guidance on the use of dynamic revetments for coastal protection that is applicable to the shallow waters typically encountered in USACE projects.

# Purpose

5. The purpose of this study was to determine how dumped stone might protect a vertical bulkhead in shallow water, and particularly to determine a means of calculating the minimum quantity of stone necessary to provide adequate protection (the "critical mass"). However, the information on reshaping, equilibrium profile, and dynamic stability is of general applicability and should prove of value to a wide range of coastal projects.

#### PART II: DEFINITION OF TEST PARAMETERS

6. Inconsistencies among authors in notations, definitions of parameters, and the methods by which a value for a parameter is obtained greatly complicate the task of comparing results from different studies. In this report, notations will follow guidelines published by the International Association for Hydraulic Research in its "List of Sea State Parameters" (1986) where applicable. Additional parameters, definitions, and method used to determine the value of certain parameters are given in the following section.

# Wave and Spectral Parameters

- 7. Wave heights used in this report are the heights of the zeroth moment  $(H_{mo})*$  and are obtained as four times the square root of the zeroth moment of the potential energy spectrum. The  $H_{mo}$ 's of the incident spectra are separated from the  $H_{mo}$ 's of the reflected spectra by the method of Goda and Suzuki (1976), using a three-gage array. Two arrays are used, one to measure the  $H_{mo}$ 's near the wave generator (Array 1) and one near the structure toe (Array 2).
- 8. Peak period  $(T_p)$  is the wave period associated with the highest energy density of the spectrum. This was obtained by dividing the spectrum into 256 bands and finding the period causing the highest energy density over 11 adjacent bandwidths.
- 9. Peak period was used to estimate the desired length of a test run by multiplying the desired number of waves by the peak period.
- 10. Reflection coefficient is commonly defined as the ratio of reflected wave height to incident wave height. This is clearly inappropriate when incident and reflected wave heights are described by different spectra. Reflection coefficients were therefore determined by the energy of the respective spectra, following the method of Goda and Suzuki (1976).

$$K_{r} = \left(\frac{E_{R}}{E_{I}}\right)^{1/2} \tag{1}$$

<sup>\*</sup> For convenience, symbols and abbreviations are listed in the Notation (Appendix C).

where  $K_r$  is the reflection coefficient and  $E_R$  and  $E_I$  are the energy of the reflected and incident spectra, respectively,

11. Reflected wave height is obtained as the product of reflection coefficient and incident wave height.

$$H_r = K_r H_{mo} \tag{2}$$

where il, is reflected wave height.

12. Wave heights and periods are frequently reported in other investigations in terms of significant wave height ( $H_s$ ) and average wave period ( $T_z$ ), where  $H_s$  is the average of the one-third highest waves. Both  $H_s$  and  $T_s$  are included in the data in this report to simplify comparison with other investigations. Because the measured  $H_s$  includes both incident and reflected wave energy, the incident  $H_s$  is estimated from the reflection coefficient as

$$\frac{H_{s(t)}}{\sqrt{1 + K_r^2}} \tag{3}$$

where  $\Pi_{s(i)}$  is the incident significant wave height and  $\Pi_{s(t)}$  is the combined incident and reflected significant wave height.  $\Pi_{s(t)}$  was determined as the average from the three gages in the array. Average wave periods in this report were determined as

$$T_z = \left(\frac{m_o}{m_z}\right)^{1/2} \tag{4}$$

where  $m_0$  and  $m_2$  are the zeroth and second moments of the incident potential energy spectrum, respectively.

13. The spectral width or peakedness determined from the wave record is given as  $\,Q_p$  , defined by Goda (1970) as

$$Q_p = \frac{2}{(m_0)^2} \int_0^{\infty} f[S(f)]^2 df$$
 (5)

where f is frequency and S(f) is the wave spectral density function for the given frequency.

### Material Parameters

14. Small sizes of stone, such as those used in the current study, are frequently measured by sieve analysis. Larger stones are described by their nominal diameter  $d_n$  defined as

$$d_{n} = \left(\frac{W}{W_{r}}\right)^{1/3} \tag{6}$$

where W is the weight of the stone and  $w_r$  is the specific weight of the material. The nominal diameter of the median stone weight is  $d_{n(50)}$ .

#### Berm Parameters

- 15. Figure 1 illustrates the major berm parameters prior to a test run. Berm width  $W_B$  is the horizontal length of the berm as it was constructed at the beginning of a test. Berm height  $h_B$  is the average vertical distance from the SWL to the horizontal berm surface at the beginning of a test.
- 16. A typical after-test profile is shown in Figure 2. Berm crest height  $h_c$  and berm crest length  $l_c$  are the vertical and horizontal distances respectively from the intersection of the SWL and the equilibrium profile to the conspicuous berm crest formed by the wave runup. Erosion depth  $h_e$  and erosion length  $l_e$  are the depth and horizontal distance, respectively, of the revetment toe from the intersection of the SWL and the equilibrium profile.
- 17. Revetment Response Category (RRC) is a simple evaluation of the performance of the revetment during a test where "F" indicates the revetment failed, "S" indicates the revetment was safe, and "I" indicates an intermediate condition. For these tests, a failure was defined as exposure of the bulkhead, whereas a safe condition indicated that neither sand nor water overtopped the bulkhead. These RRC's are described in more detail in paragraph 30.

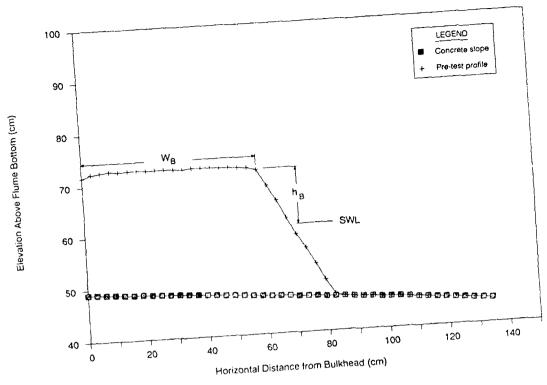


Figure 1. Berm parameters from the pretest profile

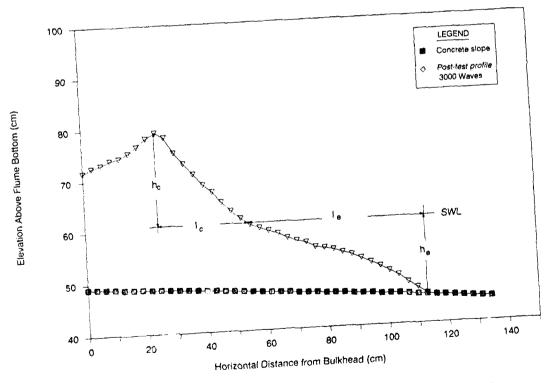
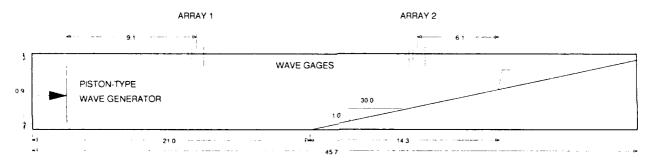


Figure 2. Berm parameters from the posttest profile

#### PART III: FLUME SETUP, TEST CONDITIONS, AND RESULTS

#### Flume Setup

18. Model tests were conducted in the USACE Coastal Engineering Research Center's (CERC's) 0.46-m-wide by 0.91-m-high by 45.73-m-long glass-walled wave flume (Figure 3) using an undistorted Froude scale (Stevens et al. 1942) of 1:16 (model:prototype). Irregular waves representing Joint North Sea Wave Project (JONSWAP) spectra (Hasselmann et al. 1973) were generated by a hydraulically actuated piston-type wave maker. Wave data were collected for each run using two arrays, each consisting of three electronically driven resistance-type wave gages. Wave signal generation and data acquisition were controlled using a DEC MicroVAX I computer, and data analysis was performed on a DEC VAX 750 and 3600.



Note: Distorted scale: 1V = 5H

All measurements in meters.

Figure 3. General layout of wave flume

- 19. The test sections were placed approximately 35.4 m from the wave board. Figure 4 shows a typical initial and equilibrium profile for a dynamic revetment. All initial profiles except for Test 4 had a horizontal berm and a seaward face on a slope of 1:1 (vertical:horizontal). Test 4 used the equilibrium profile from Test 3 as a starting profile to determine how sensitive the equilibrium profile was to initial conditions (see paragraph 25). A bulkhead was simulated in the model using a plywood board to terminate the rubble on the landward side, located at 0.0 on the horizontal axis in the profile figures.
  - 20. Profiles shown in the figures are the average of five profile

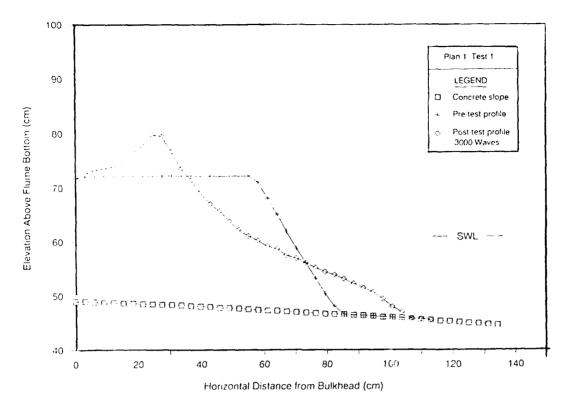


Figure 4. Typical pre- and posttest profiles

surveys taken along the length of the test section. Surveys were made by taking soundings with a rod attached to a 15-mm-diam disc by a ball and socket connection. Soundings were taken every 3.05 cm along the length of the test section. Very little across-tank variation in the profile was observed during these tests.

21. A dense limestone was used for the rubble in this study. Because of its small size, the stone was graded by sieve size. Table 1 summarizes the gradations and specific gravity of the stone used.

Table 1

<u>Characteristics of Stone Used in This Study</u>

	Tests	Tests
Cumulative	1-22	23-26
Percent	Sieve Size	Sieve Size
<u>Passing</u>	<u> </u>	mm
2	4.8	3.1
15	5.6	4.3
50	8.1	5.6
85	11.2	7.3
98	12.7	9.3
Specific gravity:	2.68	2.72

#### Test Conditions

22. Initial test conditions were generated to simulate wave action similar to that found on Lake Michigan near a site in Chicago at Devon Avenue. The initial berm width approximated that obtained by substituting these initial test conditions into the Dutch equations (van der Meer 1988). As testing progressed, more severe wave conditions were run in the wave tank to fully test the range of circumstances for which a dynamic revetment would be suitable. Later tests examined a shorter wave period that may better represent the conditions for a structure on a body of water smaller than Lake Michigan.

#### Results

- 23. Water depths and wave data collected during the wave flume tests are given in Table 2, and data for the dynamic revetments are listed in Table 3. Soundings from the tests are given in Appendix A, and initial and equilibrium profiles are illustrated in Appendix B.
- 24. It was found that the initial profile adjusts rapidly to incident wave conditions. For tests with  $T_p=2.5$ , there was little change in the profile between 3,000 and 5,000 waves, and for tests where  $T_p=1.75$ , there was little change between 3,000 and 4,000 waves.
- 25. The Dutch found the shape of dynamic profiles at equilibrium were not very sensitive to initial configuration (van der Meer and Pilarczyk 1986). Verification of this finding was made in a pair of early tests. Figure 5a shows the initial profiles of Tests 4 and 5, which can be seen to be quite different. The initial profile for Test 4 is the equilibrium profile at the completion of Test 3, and the initial profile for Test 5 is the standard starting profile used in this study with a horizontal berm and a 1:1 seaward face. Wave conditions for Tests 4 and 5 were nearly identical, and the equilibrium profiles that were produced were also almost identical, as shown in Figure 5b. A preliminary conclusion is that the final profile is independent of the initial profile as long as the volume of stone remains constant. This is a very important finding because it would reduce the cost of construction by allowing rough placement of the stone berm. This conclusion parallels findings from studies of sand beach profile development. The conservation of

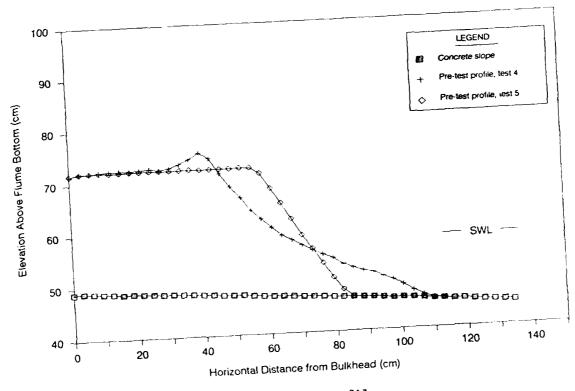
Table 2 Water Depths and Wave Data for Physical Model Tests

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Wave Height at toe Hmo	297 298 298 266 320 320 304 307 301 302 304 307 308 308 308 308 308 308 308 308 308 308
Reflection Coefficient Kr	0.4541 0.4539 0.3550 0.3550 0.3550 0.3540 0.3540 0.3540 0.3540 0.3540 0.3540 0.3540 0.3590 0.2755 0.2755 0.2755 0.2755 0.2755 0.2756 0.2756 0.2757
Wave Height at toe Hmo	8. 4. 4. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.
Array 2 Wave Period Tz	2. 030 2. 030 2. 028 1. 724 1. 973 1. 689 1. 734 1. 734 1. 392 1. 392 1. 393 1. 404 1. 413 1. 455 1. 468
Array 2 Wave Height Hs	6.64 6.85 6.85 6.87 6.80 6.80 6.80 6.80 6.80 6.80 6.80 6.80
Array 2 Wave Period Tp	2.505 2.536 2.536 2.536 2.537 2.536 2.543 2.505 2.543 2.543 2.543 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.745 1.746
Array 2 Wave Height Hmo	6.73 6.73 6.89 6.92 13.93 13.93 13.61 14.07 11.43 11.4
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Array 2 Water Depth cm	37.19 37.19 37.19 37.19 34.14 34.14 37.19
Water Depth at Wave Generator cm	60.88 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98 60.98
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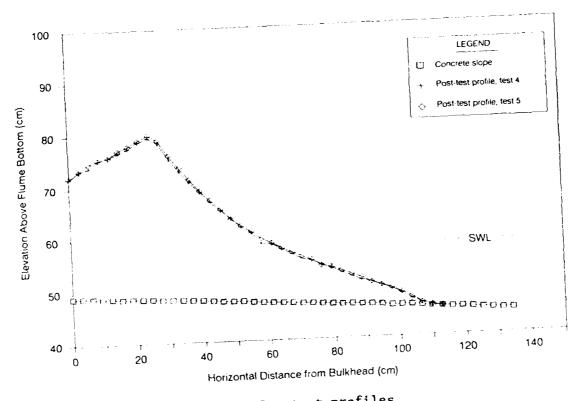
Table 3 Revetment Data for Physical Model Tests

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Beach Slope Rbove SWL hc/lc	0.513 0.513 0.555 0.556 0.557 0.553
Beach Slope Pelow SWL he/le	0.293 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.253 0.263
Erosion Length le	52.55 52.54 52.55 52.54 62.53 62.53 62.53 63.13 63
Erosion Depth he	2.5. 5.5. 5.5. 5.5. 5.5. 5.5. 5.5. 5.5.
Berm Crest Length 1c	29.73 26.73 26.73 26.73 26.73 26.73 26.73 26.73 27.89 27.89 27.89 27.89 27.89 27.89 27.89
Berm Crest Height hc	19.94 19.97 17.75 19.94 19.51 19.51 19.53 19.53 19.69 19.99 19.11 19.11
Revetment Response Category	
Stability Number Ns	6.6.7.6.6.6.7.6.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.6.7.7.7.6.6.7.7.7.6.6.7
Cross- section Area Revetment At	1623 1623 1624 1619 1619 1619 2061 2061 2051 2053 2253 862 862 862 863 865 865 865 865 865 865 865 865 865 865
Berm Height Above R SWL Cm	10. 77 10. 77 13. 82 13. 82 13. 82 11. 28 11. 28 11. 28 11. 29 11. 27 11. 27 11
Berm Width cm	2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2
Test No.	1 1 2 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8

F = failure; S = safe; I = intermediate.



# a. Pretest profiles



b. Posttest profiles
Figure 5. Pre- and posttest profiles for Tests 4 and 5

stone places an important constraint on this generality since for severe wave conditions attacking a small revetment, a large portion of the stone can be thrown landward beyond the bulkhead and lost to the system. Loss of stone can cause a nonreversible deterioration of the revetment and ultimately failure.

26. Other interesting features of both the Dutch and CERC dynamic profiles are a pronounced beach crest and a very steep subaerial beach face. During the CERC study, the dynamic profile would typically reach a slope of about 45 deg seaward of the beach crest. The steepest beach face segment observed during this study was 52 deg. The angle of repose for sharp-sided stone or gravel is approximately 45 deg, and this value is assumed to be about the limiting value for the beach face slope.

#### PART IV: DISCUSSION

27. One development from van der Meer's (1988) research is a method to categorize "structures" from breakwaters to sand beaches (Table 4). The method is based on a stability number similar to the one used extensively by Hudson and Davidson (1975) in their study of breakwater stability. For irregular waves, the stability number is defined as

$$N_{s} = \frac{H_{s}}{d_{n50} * \left(\frac{W_{r}}{W_{w}} - 1\right)} \text{ or } \frac{W_{r}^{1/3}H_{s}}{W^{1/3}\left(\frac{W_{r}}{W_{w}} - 1\right)}$$
(7)

where  $w_w$  is the unit weight of water, with  $w_w=1.000~{\rm g/cm^3}$  for fresh water and  $w_w=1.025~{\rm g/cm^3}$  for seawater. When stone sizes are relatively small, as in this study,  $d_{n(50)}$  is determined by sieve analysis. Energy-based wave parameters are used in this study so the zeroth moment wave height  $H_{mo}$  (measured at Array 2) is used in Equation 7 rather than  $H_s$ . For this study, the range of stability numbers is from 2.7 to 9.2. Since CERC tests are run in shallow water where  $H_s$  is typically greater  $H_{mo}$ , the stability numbers from this study will be somewhat lower than van der Meer's. Regardless of differences, tests from this study fall into van der Meer's "berm breakwater and S-shaped profiles" and "dynamically stable rock slopes" categories (see Table 4 taken from van der Meer and Pilarczyk (1987).

Table 4

<u>Structure Classification Based on van der Meer and Pilarczyk (1987)</u>

Structure	Range of Stability Number
Statically stable breakwaters	$N_s = 1-4$
Berm breakwater and S-shaped profiles	$N_s = 3-6$
Dynamically stable rock slopes	$N_s = 6-20$
Gravel beaches	$N_s = 15-500$
Sand beaches	$N_s > 300$

28. Johnson (1987) remarks about the impressive aspect of waves building high, steep beach faces on Lake Michigan, and this feeling was shared by laboratory observers watching the rapid development of the beach face during small-scale tests. The reason for these beach features relates to the high porosity of the rubble, estimated to be about 45 percent. If the waves are large enough to mobilize the rubble, then runup will carry some of it upslope, but the return flow will not carry all of it downslope until the profile has reached equilibrium. Therefore, the subaerial beach face is about equal to the angle of repose largely because the runup flow drains away so quickly. The extent of particle mobilization is measured by the stability number  $N_{\rm s}$ , defined by Equation 7. Height of the berm crest is a conspicuous feature that can be easily identified and accurately measured. The berm crest height is at the approximate upper limit of wave runup (Powell 1988). Visual observations of the tests indicate that the "mature" crest is only occasionally overtopped. Therefore, berm crest height is a good measure of extreme wave runup height.

# Critical Mass Analysis

- 29. To evaluate economic feasibility of a rubble structure, it is clearly necessary to determine the minimum amount of stone that will provide the desired protection. This minimum quantity (volume per unit length of revetment) is referred to in this study as the critical mass.
- 30. All of the test results were classified into one of three revetment response categories. When wave conditions were severe in relation to the quantity of stone in the revetment, wave action eroded the rubble, usually by carrying it over the bulkhead, until waves impacted directly against the bulkhead. This category was designated failure, denoted by "F" in Table 3. When the amount of stone in a revetment was large in relation to wave conditions, development of the berm crest had enough room so that neither stone nor water was carried over the bulkhead. This category was designated safe, denoted by "S" in Table 3. The third category fell between safe and failure and occurred when the berm crest buildup extended far enough landward to reach the bulkhead and there was at least some overtopping of the bulkhead by both water and stone. This category was designated intermediate, denoted by "I" in Table 3. The three RRC's are illustrated in Figure 6.

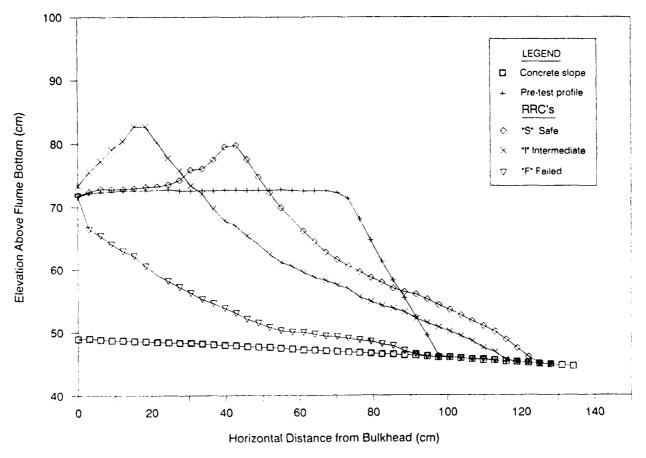


Figure 6. Typical equilibrium profiles illustrating the safe, intermediate, and failed revetment response categories

31. To calculate critical mass, it is necessary to estimate three characteristic dimensions of a dynamic revetment, i.e., berm crest height,  $h_c$  berm crest length  $l_c$ , and erosion length  $l_e$ . Regression analysis was employed to determine the following equations, which define these characteristic dimensions as functions of local wave steepness  $H_{mo}/L_p$ , where  $L_p$  is the wavelength determined by linear wave theory for the depth at the toe and the peak period.

$$\frac{h_c}{H_{mo}} = 0.270 * \left(\frac{H_{mo}}{L_p}\right)^{-0.645}, R^2 = 0.96$$
 (8)

$$\frac{1_{c}}{H_{mo}} = 0.677 * \left(\frac{H_{mo}}{L_{p}}\right)^{-0.521}, R^{2} = 0.92$$
 (9)

$$\frac{1_{e}}{d_{s}} = \exp \left[ 2.24 * \left( \frac{H_{mo}}{L_{p}} \right)^{-0.143} \right], R^{2} = 0.64$$
 (10)

Equations 8, 9, and 10 are based on analysis of Tests 1 through 22. R<sup>2</sup> values give the portion of the variance explained by the regression analysis. Tests 23, 24, 25, and 26 were conducted with somewhat smaller stone (see Table 1) and were withheld from analysis. Figures 7, 8, and 9 show observed data with regression trends for Equations 8, 9, and 10, respectively. Although the smaller stone was not included in the analysis, it has been included in Figures 7, 8, and 9 to illustrate the applicability of the equations to other stone sizes. Stone sizes are denoted by symbols in these figures, with "L" indicating the larger stone and "S" indicating the smaller stone.

32. Characteristic dimensions determined by Equations 8, 9, and 10 may be used to determine a pseudo-cross-sectional area of the mature revetment  $\,A_s\,$  where

$$A_s = (d_s + h_c) * (l_e + l_c)$$
(11)

This equation is essentially just length times height. Water depth at the toe of the revetment  $d_s$  is selected based on design considerations. The total volume of the revetment per unit length is then determined from  $A_s$  for the desired degree of protection. Total design volume is denoted  $A_t\ (\text{cm}^3/\text{cm})$  , which includes void space. Figure 10 shows the revetment response category versus the ratio of  $A_t$  to  $A_s$ . The two solid lines illustrate values of  $A_t/A_s$  of 0.67 and 0.46, and indicate that if

$$A_t > 0.67 A_s \tag{12}$$

the revetment is safe, and if

$$A_{t} < 0.46 A_{s} \tag{13}$$

the revetment will fail. Values of  $A_t/A_s$  between 0.46 and 0.67 are in the intermediate revetment response category. This guidance is based on laboratory tests with a range of stability numbers (Equation 7) from 2.7 to 9.2.

33. Johnson's (1987) criteria for protecting eroding portions of the Lake Michigan shoreline was 36 metric tons/metre. Assuming a porosity of 35 percent and a unit weight of  $2.64 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , this guidance is equal to  $21 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}$ . Figure 11 compares this guidance with the design volumes determined by

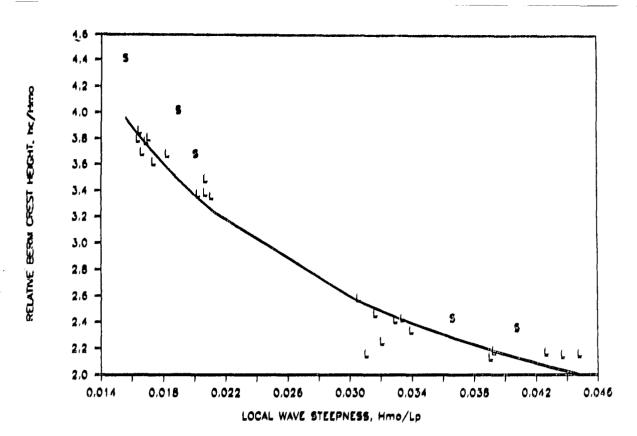


Figure 7. Calculated and observed relative berm crest heights as a function of local wave steepness

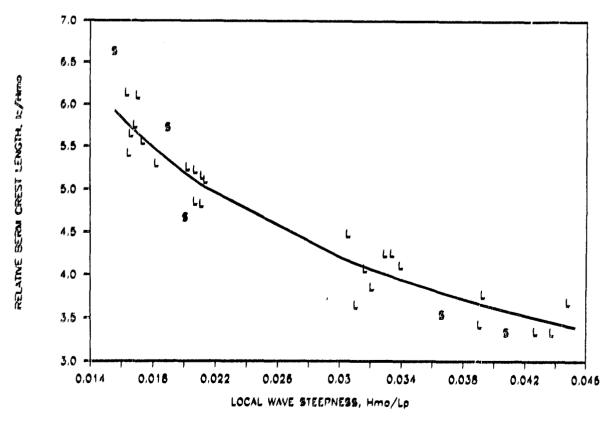


Figure 8. Calculated and observed relative berm crest lengths as a function of local wave steepness

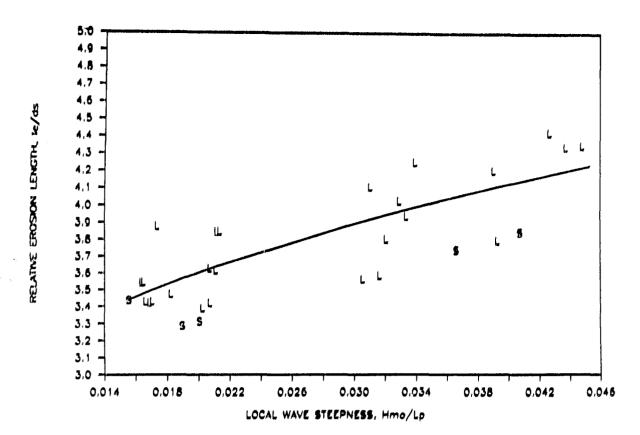


Figure 9. Calculated and observed relative erosion lengths as a function of local wave steepness

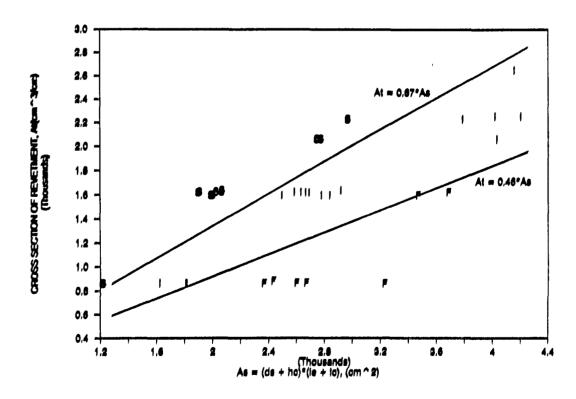


Figure 10. Total area of berm,  $\rm\,A_2$  , versus calculated  $\rm\,A_s$  , with with observed RRC. Solid lines illustrate that for  $\rm\,A_t$  < 0.46 as the revetment will fail

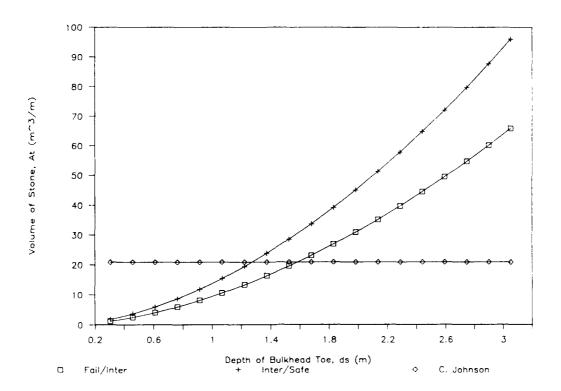


Figure 11. Comparison of stone volume calculated in this report versus guidance in Johnson (1987) for Great Lakes storm with  $T_{\rm p}=10$  sec and  $H_{\rm mo}=0.6$  \*  $d_{\rm s}$ 

Equations 8 through 13. Figure 11 assumes design conditions of  $\rm\,T_p=10~sec$  and  $\rm\,H_{mo}$  = 0.6 \*  $\rm\,d_s$  .

#### Wave Reflection and Energy Dissipation

34. The reflection coefficient is defined as the square root of the ratio of reflected wave energy to incident wave energy (Goda and Suzuki 1976). Wave reflection from dynamic revetments appears to be a function of two variables, wave steepness and relative void size. Reflection coefficients can be predicted with the following equation:

$$K_{r} = \frac{1.0}{1.0 + CO * \left[\frac{d_{n(50)}}{L_{o}}\right]^{C1} * exp\left(\frac{C2}{H_{mo}/L_{o}}\right)}$$
 (14)

where  $L_{\text{o}}$  is the deepwater wavelength. Dimensionless regression coefficients are given by,

$$C0 = 23.4$$
 $C1 = 0.312$ 
 $C2 = -0.00374$ 

Equation 14 explains about 97 percent of the variance in a sample size of 30, i.e.,  $R^2 = 0.97$  and N = 30. Tests in the failure response category were not included in this analysis since at failure a substantial part of the reflection is from the vertical bulkhead. Percentage of incident wave energy dissipated by a dynamic revetment can be estimated by using Equation 14 and the relation,

$$%D = (1.0 - K_r^2) * 100%$$
 (15)

where %D is the percent energy dissipation. Observed data give reflection coefficients between 0.27 and 0.50, indicating that dynamic revetments dissipate between 75 and 92 percent of the incident wave energy. By dissipating over three-quarters of the incident wave energy, dynamic revetments make good wave absorbers.

# PART V: SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 35. A series of laboratory tests were conducted to investigate the response of dynamic revetments to shallow-water wave conditions. Most tests from this study fall into the category "dynamically stable rock slopes" based on the Dutch classification system (van der Meer and Pilarczyk 1987). For this study, the ratio of the wave height to stone dimension is in the range of roughly 5 to 16. Typically, zero-damage on a conventional riprap revetment occurs when the wave is about two and a half times larger than the stone dimension.
- 36. It was found that the equilibrium dynamic revetment profile was not sensitive to the initial profile. This finding means that construction costs can be lowered because special care is not required in the placement of the stone. The berm crest is a conspicuous feature of the profile and provides a good indication of the extreme wave runup.
- 37. The concept of a critical mass for a dynamic revetment is introduced. Critical mass is the quantity of stone required to protect a unit length of a vertical bulkhead for a given water depth at the toe and given wave conditions. This quantity is found to increase with increasing water depth, zeroth moment wave height, and period of peak energy density.
- 38. The influence of the initial berm width and berm height above the still-water level were two of the major variables investigated in this study. It was found that these parameters play a major role in determining how much stone is required to protect a vertical bulkhead from direct wave attack.

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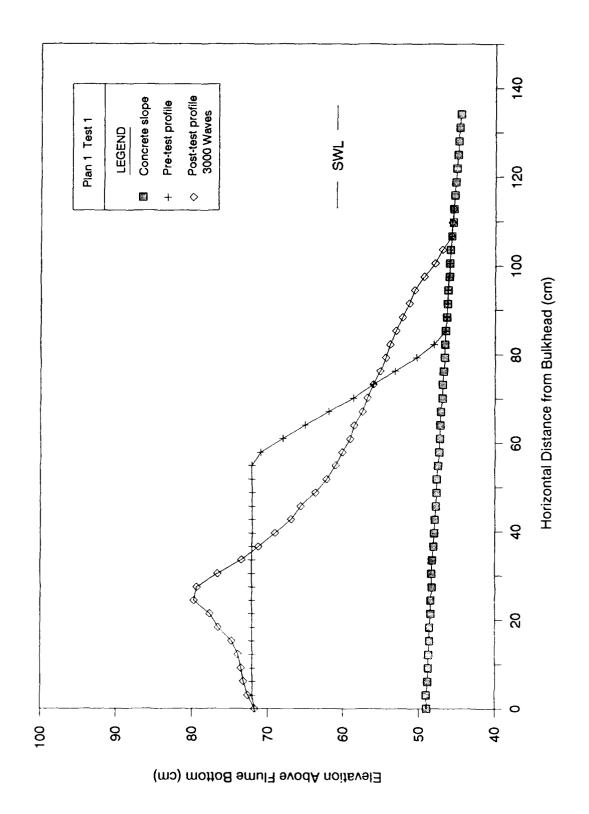
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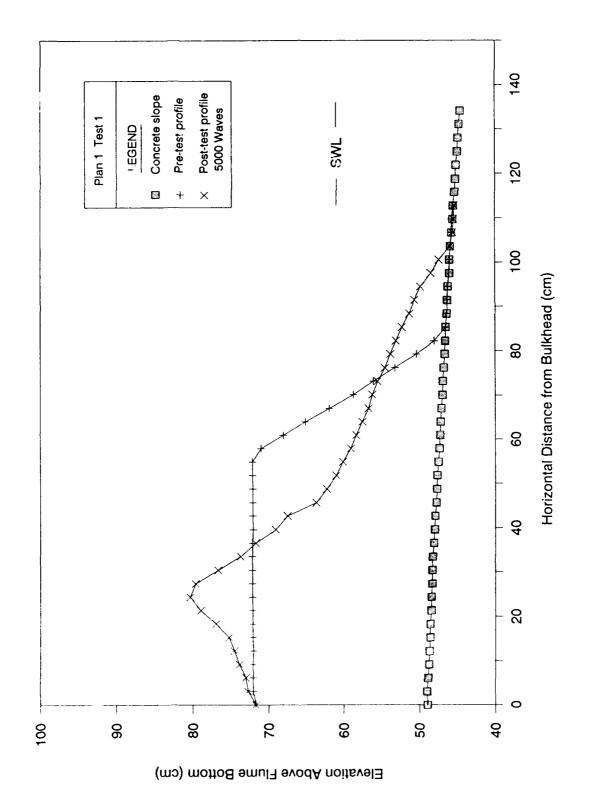
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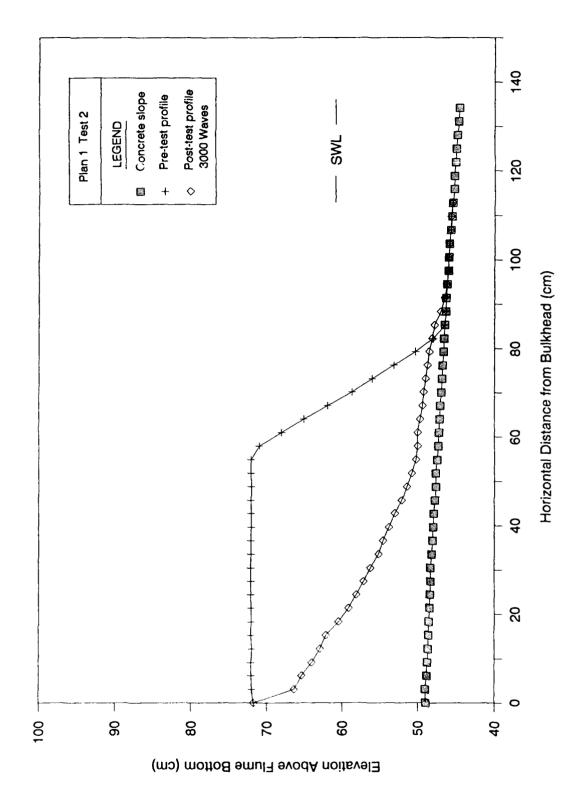
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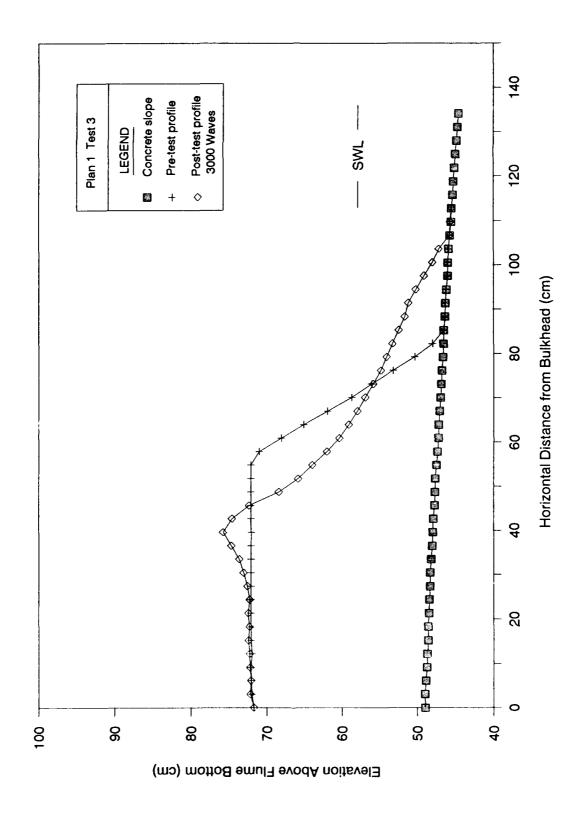
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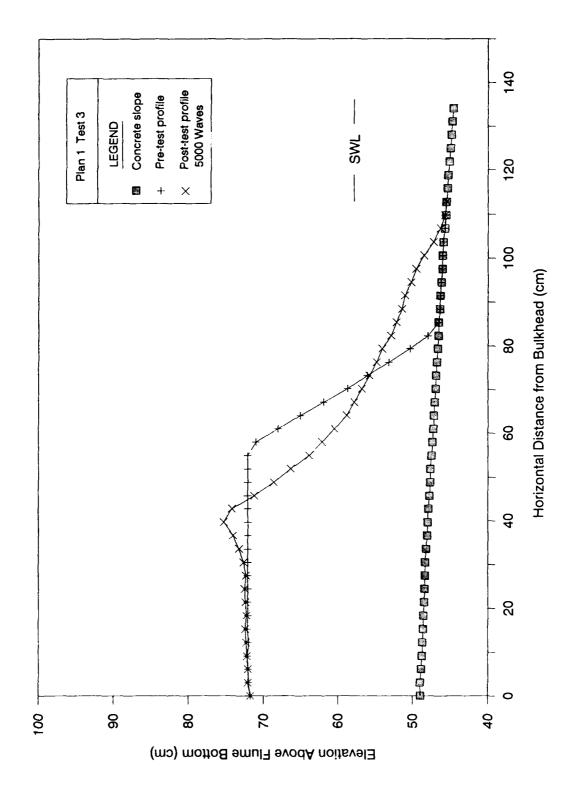
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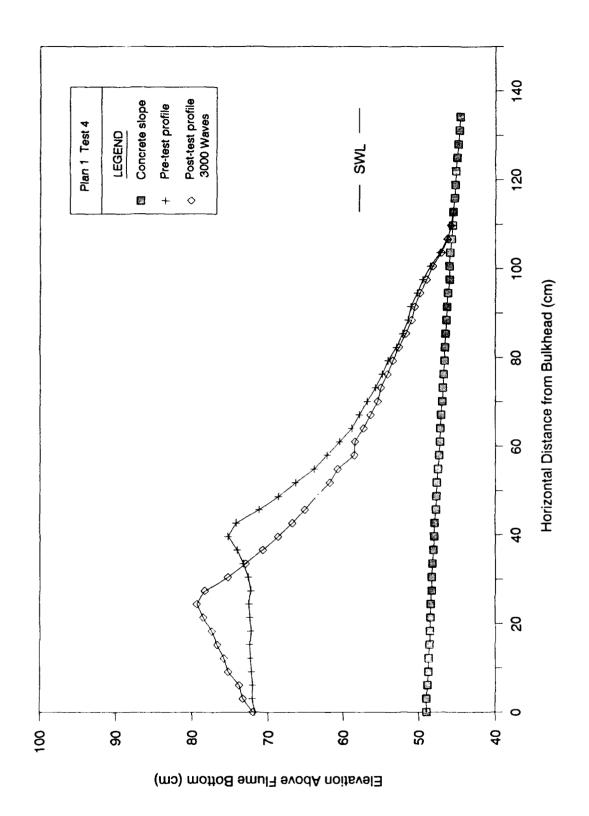




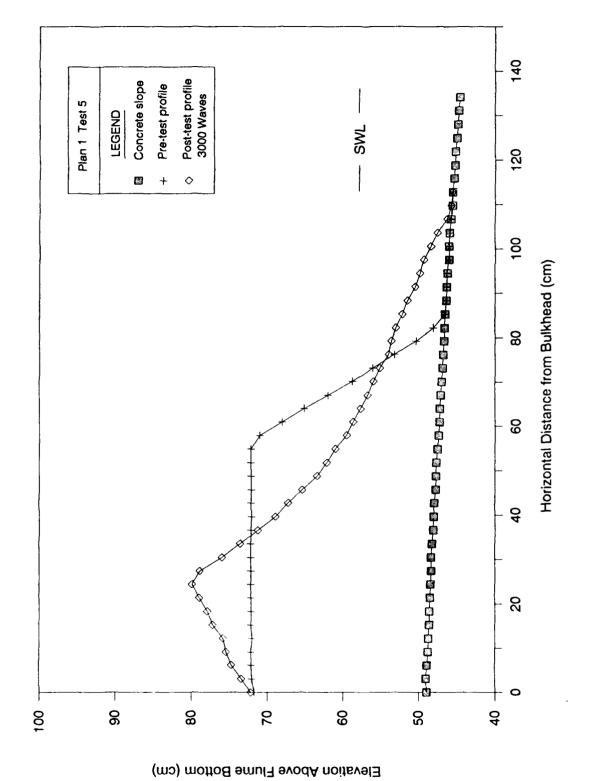


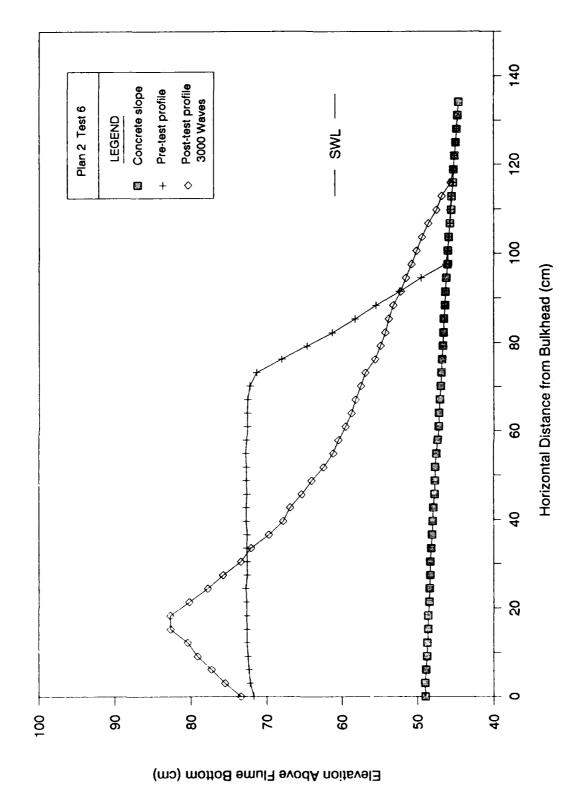


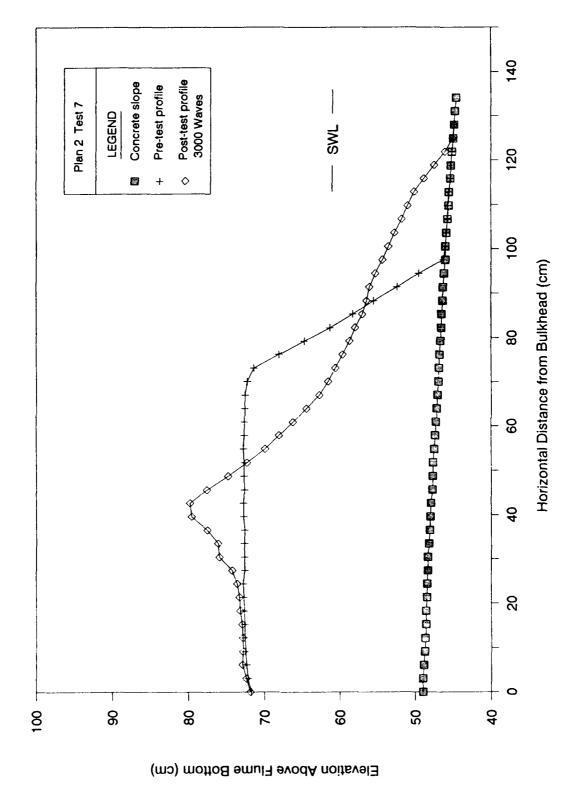


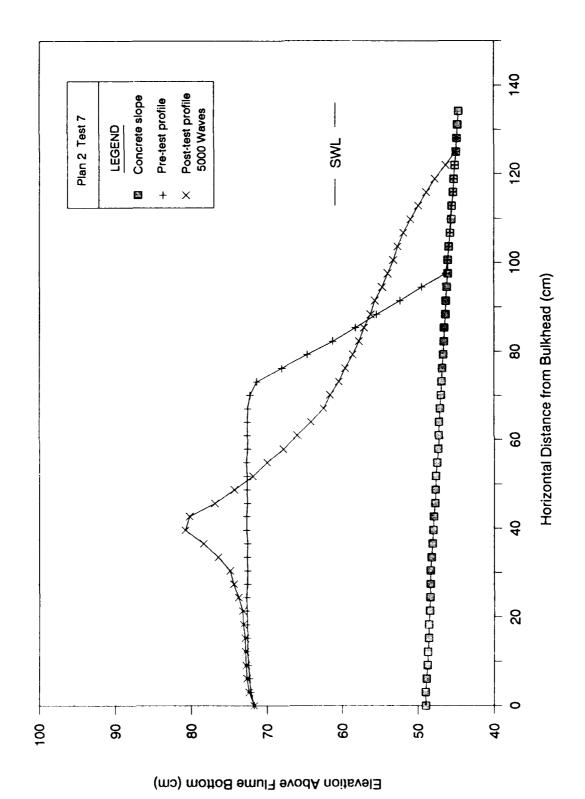


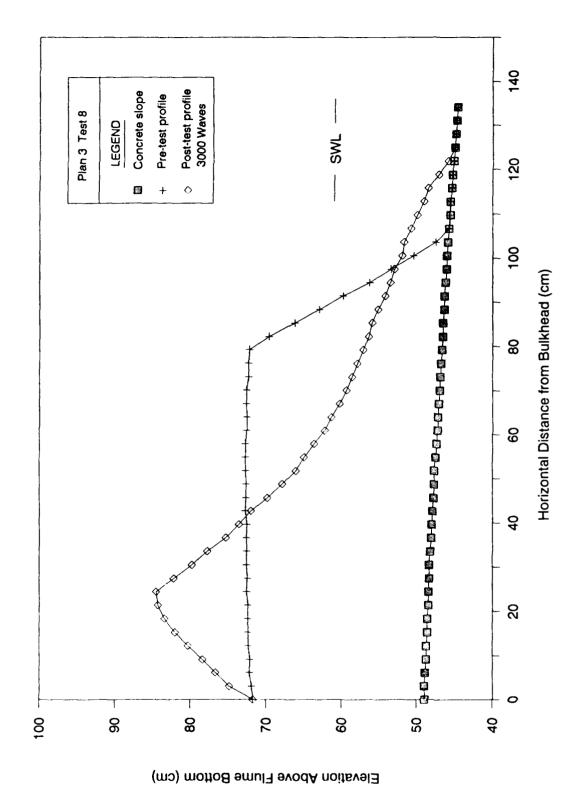




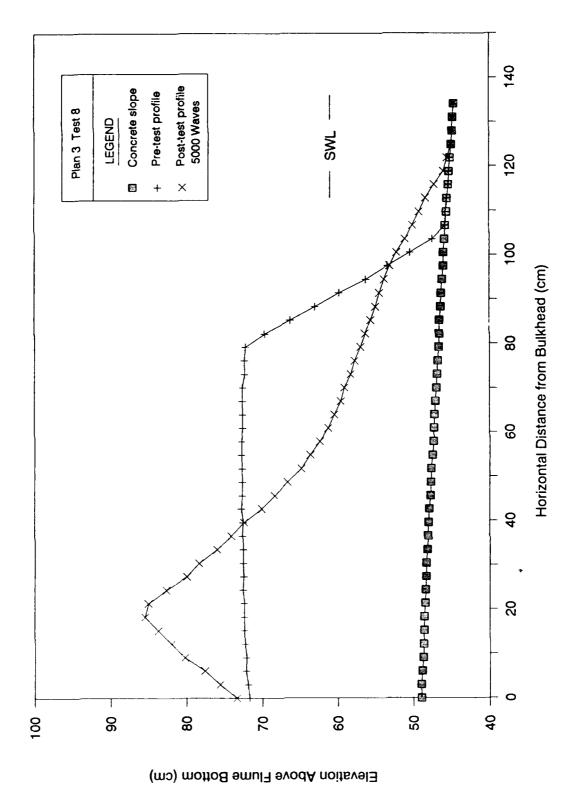


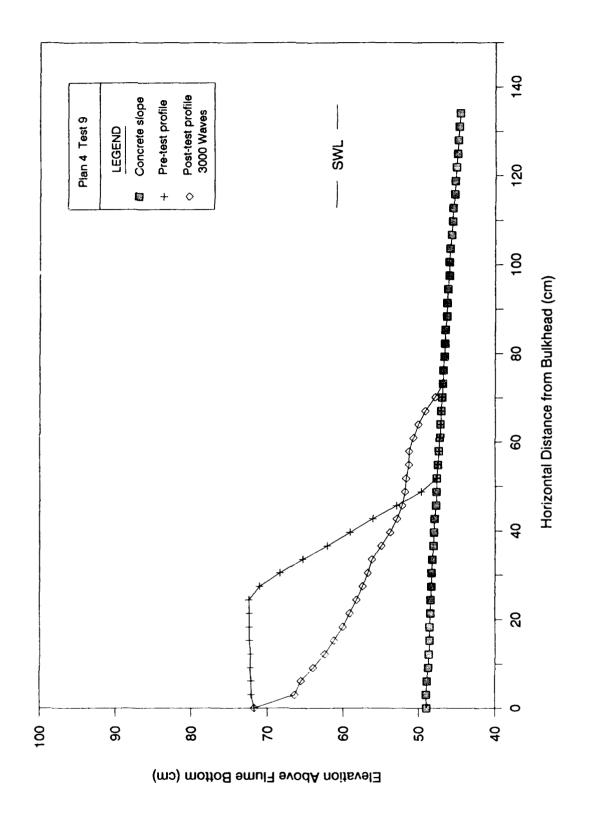


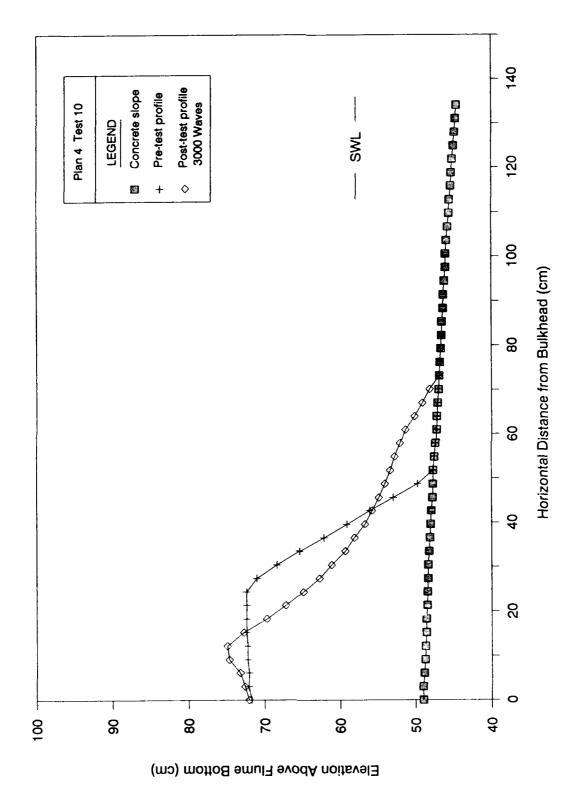


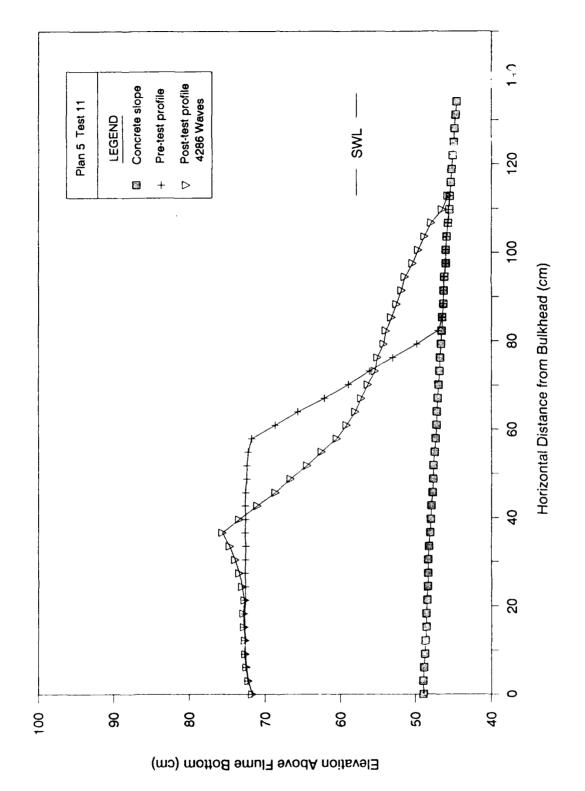


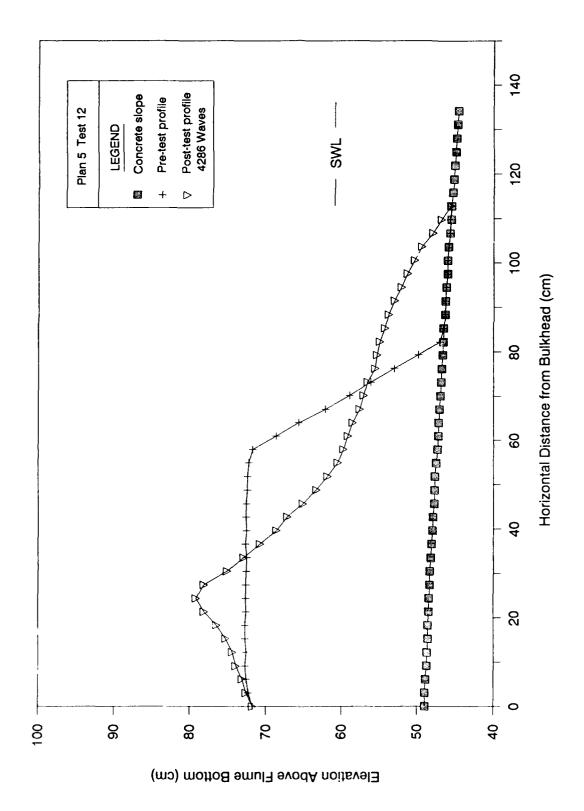


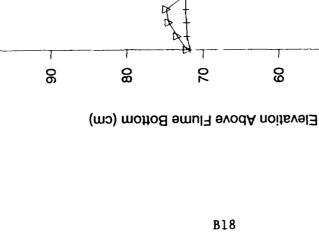


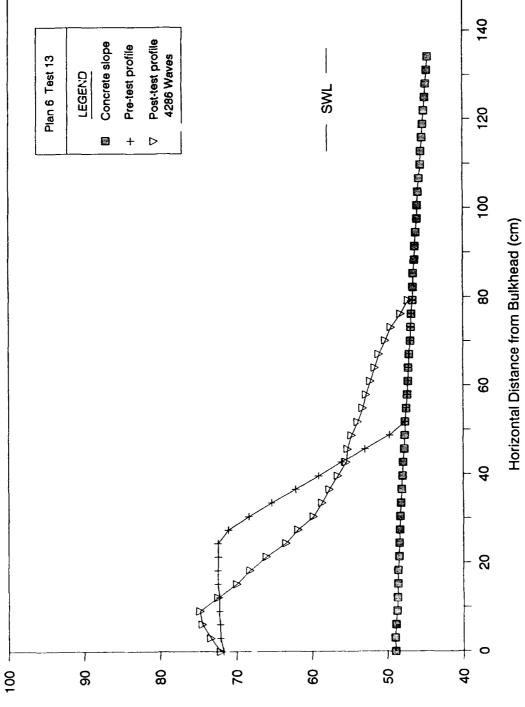


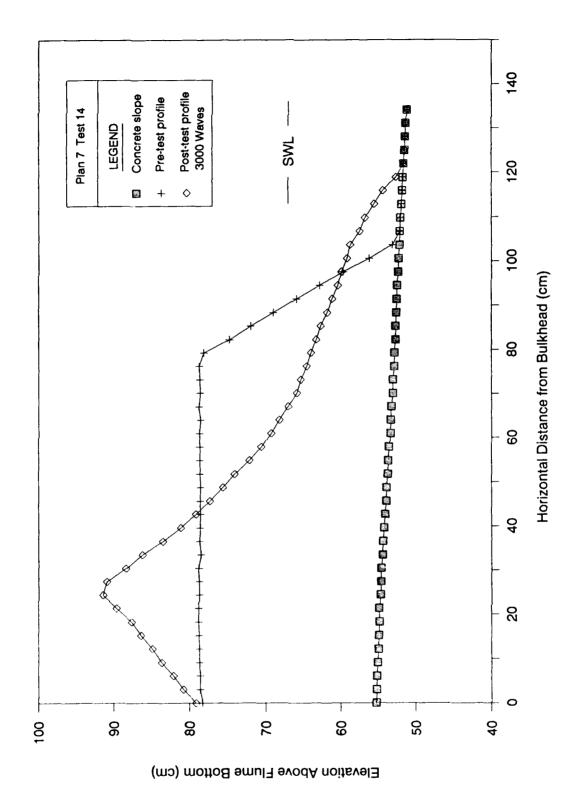


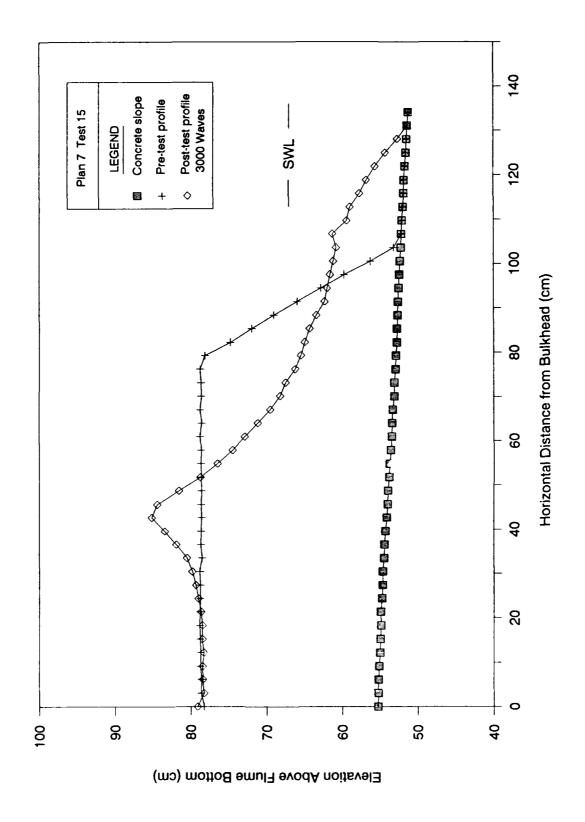




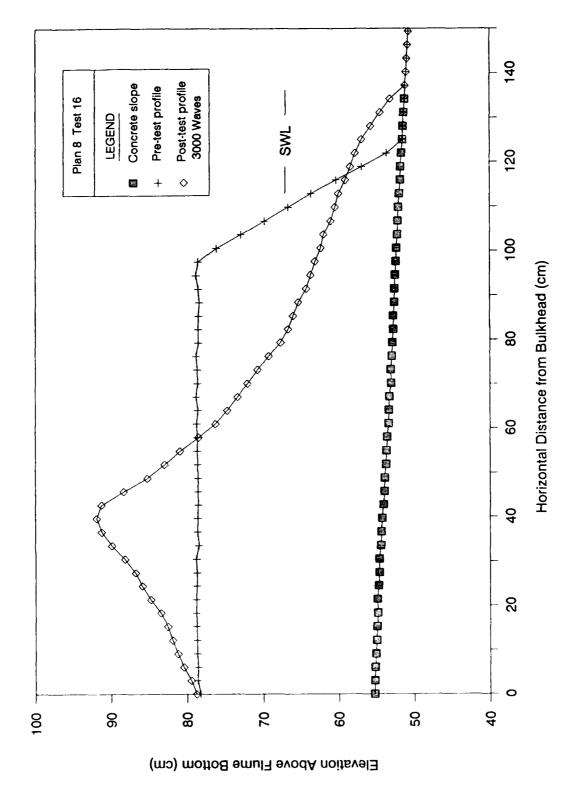


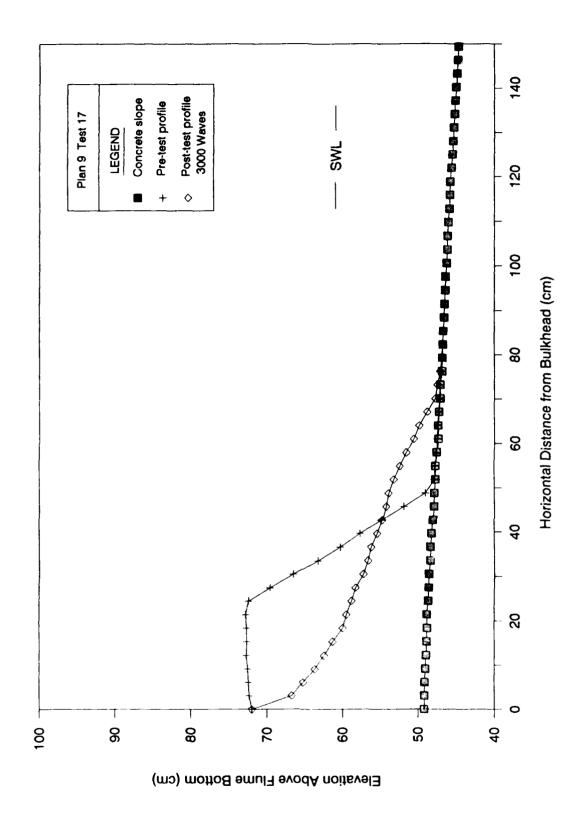


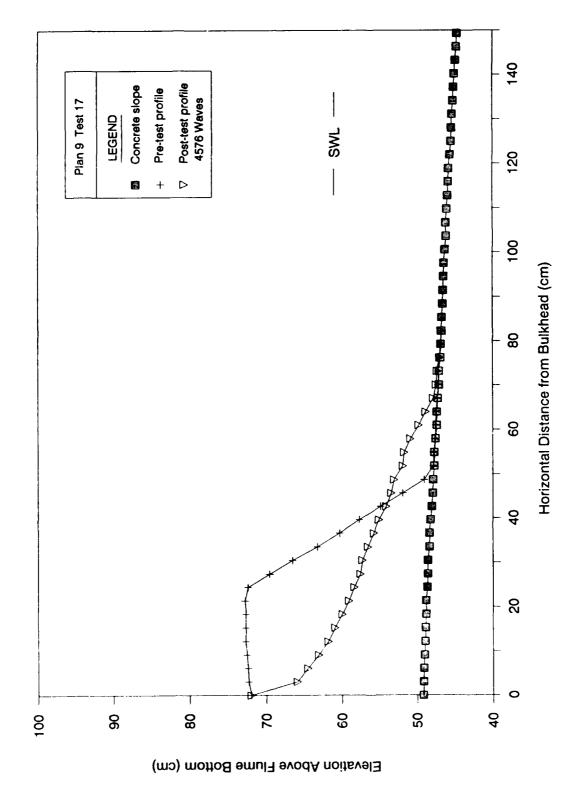


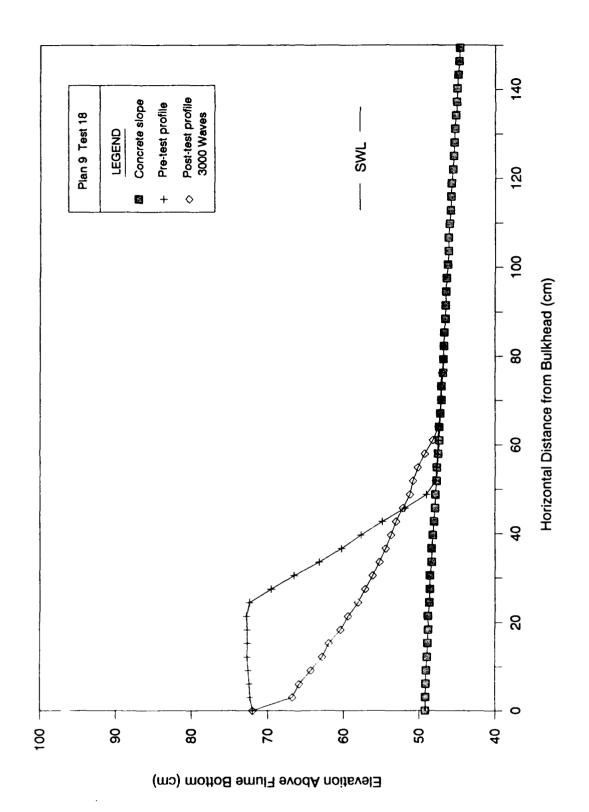


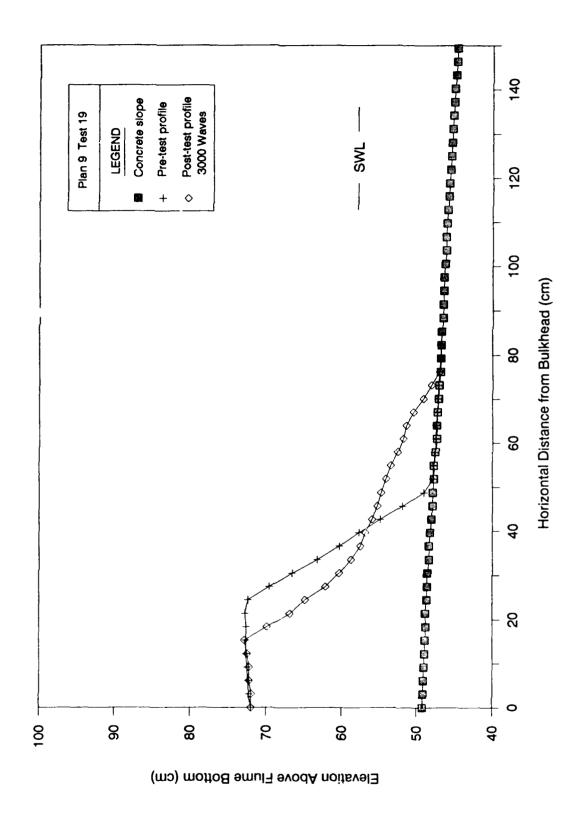


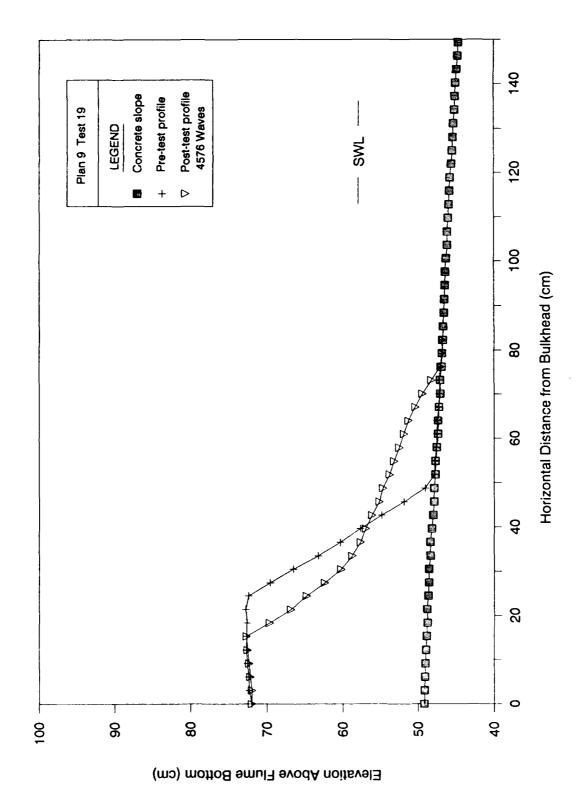


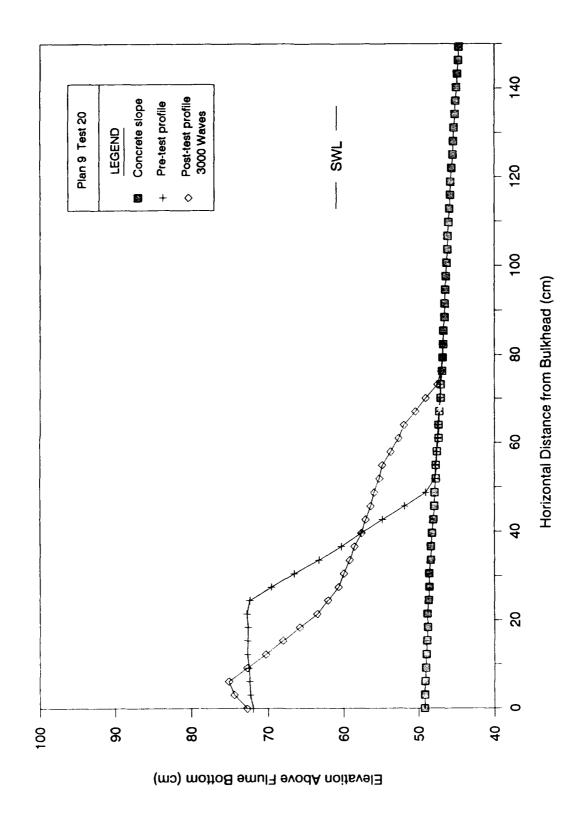


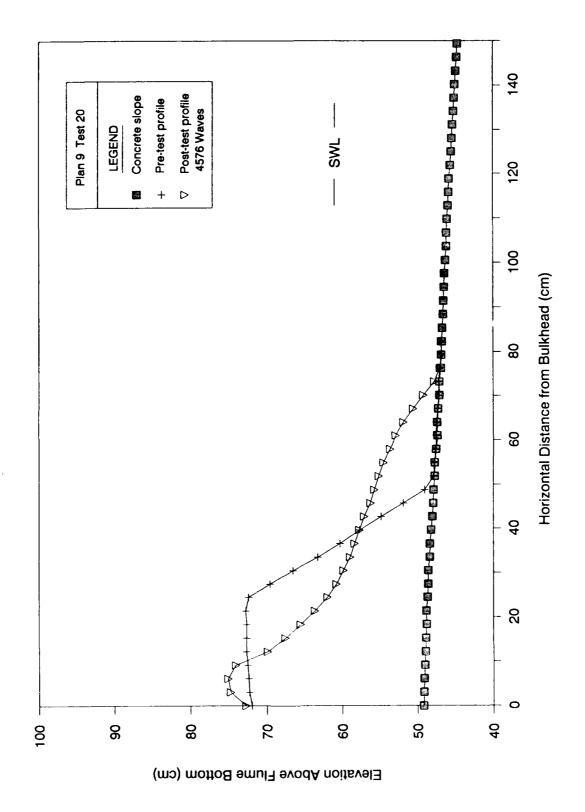




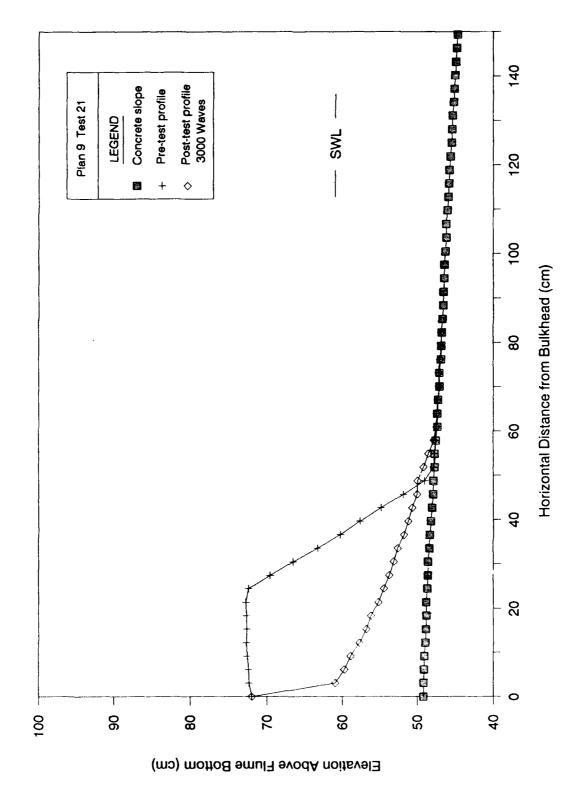


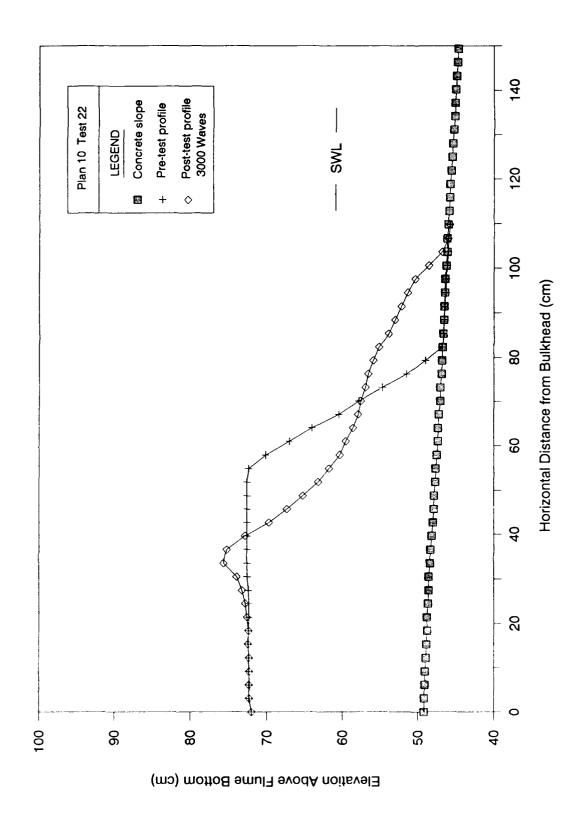




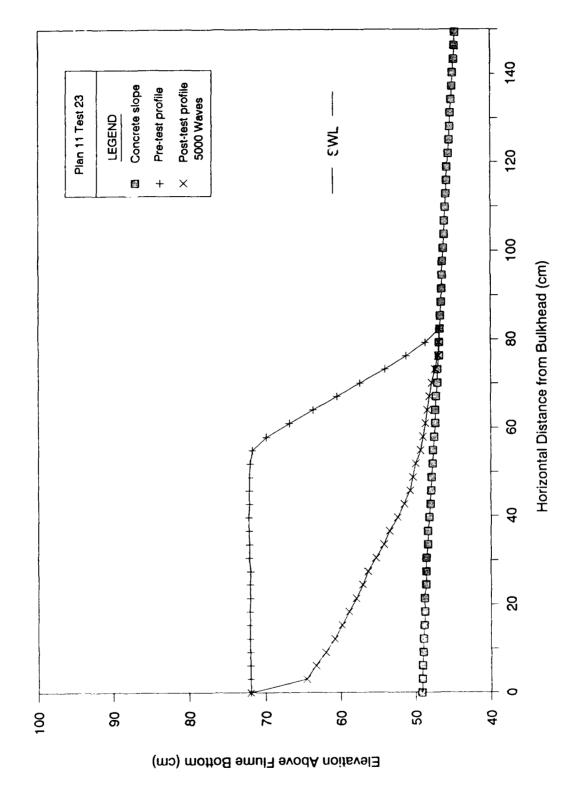


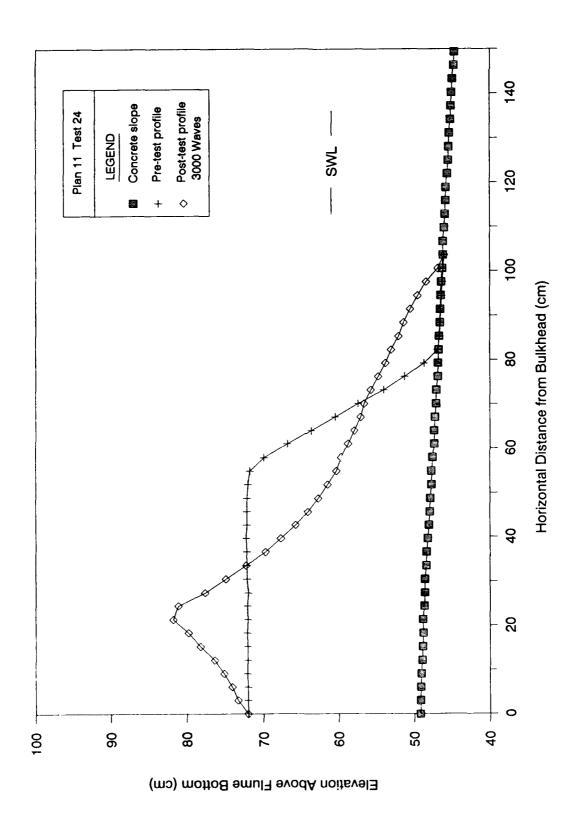


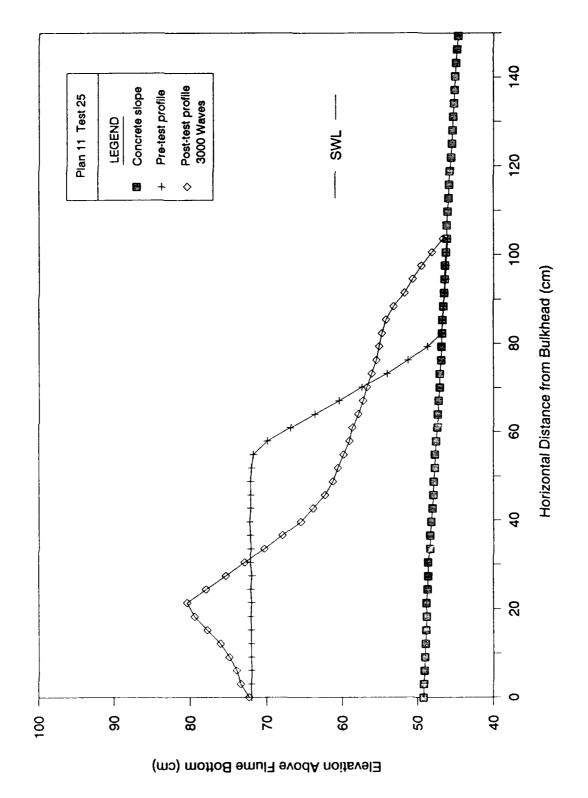


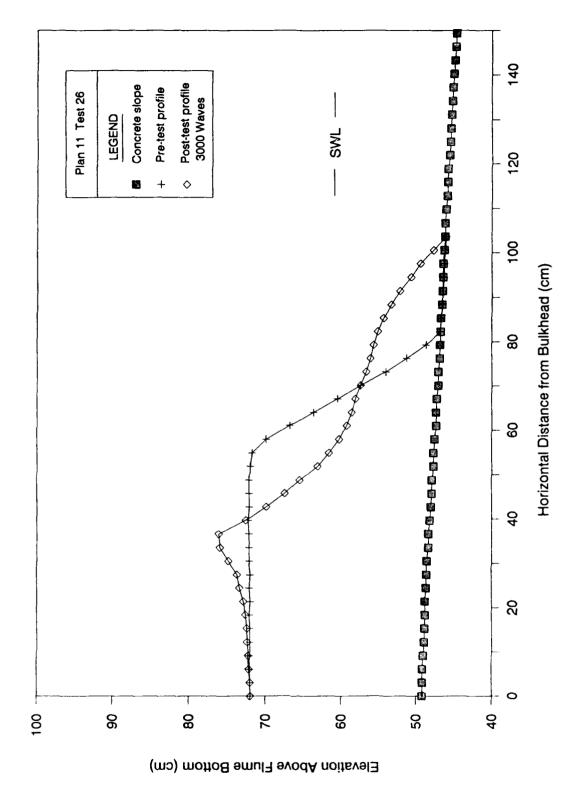


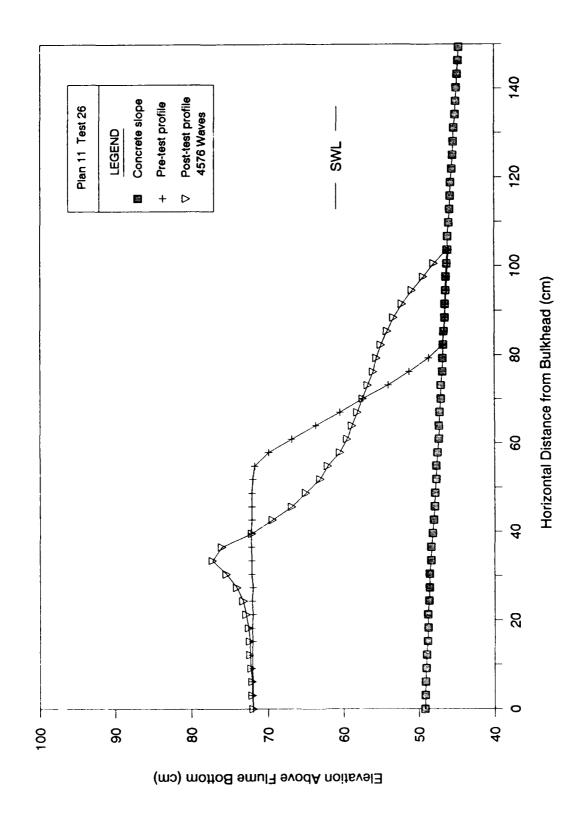












## APPENDIX C: NOTATION

$A_s$	Pseudo-cross-sectional area of revetment
$A_t$	Volume of revetment per unit length
CO	Regression coefficient
C1	Regression coefficient
C2	Regression coefficient
$d_n$	Nominal stone diameter
$d_{n(50)}$	Nominal stone diameter of median stone size
$d_s$	Depth at revetment toe
$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{I}}$	Energy of incident wave spectrum
$E_R$	Energy of reflected wave spectrum
f	Wave frequency
$h_{\mathtt{B}}$	Berm height
$h_c$	Berm crest height
$h_{\mathbf{e}}$	Berm erosion height
$H_{mo}$	Zeroth-moment wave height
${\tt H_r}$	Reflected wave height
H <sub>s</sub>	Significant wave height (average height of highest one-third waves)
$H_{s(i)}$	Incident reflected wave height
H <sub>s(t)</sub>	Total significant wave height (combined incident and reflected)
$K_r$	Reflection coefficient
$1_c$	Berm crest length
1.	Berm erosion length
$L_o$	Linear wave theory deepwater wavelength
$L_{p}$	Linear wave theory wavelength for $d_{s}$ and $T_{p}$
$m_0$	Zeroth moment of incident potential energy spectrum
$m_2$	Second moment of incident potential energy spectrum
N	Sample size
N <sub>s</sub>	$\frac{H_s}{d_{n50} * \left(\frac{W_r}{W_w} - 1\right)}  \text{or}  \frac{W_r 1/3 H_s}{W^{1/3} \left(\frac{W_r}{W_w} - 1\right)}$

- $Q_{\rm p}$  Spectral width parameter
- ${\tt R}^2$  Portion of variance explained by regression analysis
- S(f) Wave spectral density function
  - T<sub>p</sub> Peak wave period
  - T<sub>z</sub> Average wave period
  - W Weight of an individual stone
  - W<sub>B</sub> Berm width
  - w<sub>r</sub> Unit weight of rock
  - ww Unit weight of water
  - %D Percent energy dissipation

## SUPPLEMENTARY

## INFORMATION



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Page 19, line 1, Equation 10: Change superscript -0.143 to +0.143. The equation should read as follows:

$$\frac{1_{e}}{d_{s}} = \exp \left[ 2.24 * \left( \frac{H_{mo}}{L_{p}} \right)^{*0.143} \right], R^{2} = 0.64$$
 (10)